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COUNTY TELEVISION NETWORK AWARDED BEST GOVERNMENT CHANNEL First Place for Overall Excellence, Magazine, Special Audience & Public Safety Programming

County Television Network (CTN), the local government access channel for the County of San Diego, today announced it received four first place awards for its government access programming. The States of California & Nevada chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (SCAN-NATOA) presented CTN with the Overall Excellence Award for being the best government access channel among those in California and Nevada of similar size. CTN received First Place Star Awards for Magazine Format ("County Chronicles"); Special Audience ("Homeless Court: Bringing the Court to the Streets"), and Public Safety Programming ("Detention Deputies") categories.

CTN also received awards for Documentary: Special ("CTN Celebrates the Holidays: Ramadan"); Public Safety ("Jail Kitchen"); Public Service Announcement ("Big Bug Problem"); Documentary: Profile ("Veterans Remember: Combat, Day One"); Promo ("Touch screen Voting"); and Sports ("A Night at the Cajon Speedway").

The Star Awards were presented at SCAN-NATOA's annual conference in Santa Monica on Thursday, May 20. NATOA is the professional association of government cable television and access channel regulators and programmers. The Star Awards are the government access channel equivalent to the local Emmy Awards.

CTN placed first this year against the cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Oceanside, Burbank, Santa Monica and Contra Costa County.

CTN is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on Time Warner 22, Adelphia 66, and Cox Cable Channels 19 (North) and 24 (South), although programming is not available in all areas at all times. CTN is funded with cable television franchise fees.

CTN's complete programming schedule is available on the web at www.ctn.org.

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